

REMARKS


In paragraph 3 of the final Action, claims 5 and 6 were objected to. In paragraph 4 of the final Action, claims 1-4 and 14-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In paragraphs 5 and 6 of the final Action, claims 1-4, 14-18 and 21 were rejected by Takimoto et al. However, in paragraph 8 of the final Action, claims 5, 6, 19 and 20 were indicated allowable if amended to obviate the objection and rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the objection and rejections, claim 19 has been canceled and the subject matter of canceled claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 5, 15 and 21 have been amended to obviate the objection and rejection, and claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Therefore, claims pending in the application are patentable over the prior art.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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